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December 19, 2011

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-312 (Sub-No. 3X), *South Carolina Railroad Company, LLC Abandonment Exemption in Chesterfield and Darlington Counties, SC.*

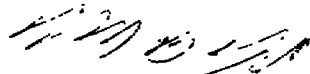
Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing are the original and 10 copies of a Verified Notice of Exemption pursuant to the class exemption at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 for South Carolina Railroad Company, LLC, to abandon approximately 12.8 miles of line in Chesterfield and Darlington Counties, SC, between milepost 319.89 +/- near Society Hill, SC, and milepost 332.48, in Cheraw, SC, a check for the filing fee of \$3,600, and a disc containing a WORD version of the Petition and a pdf. Color maps are attached as Exhibit B.

Please time and date stamp the extra copy of this letter and the Petition for Exemption and return it in the enclosed prepaid envelope. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions, please call or email me.

Sincerely yours



Melanie B. Yasbin
Attorney for:
South Carolina Central Railroad Company, LLC

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Dated: December 19, 2011

BEFORE THE
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DOCKET NO. AB-312 (Sub-No. 3X)

SOUTH CAROLINA CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, LLC—
ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—
IN CHESTERFIELD AND DARLINGTON COUNTIES, SC

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

South Carolina Central Railroad Company, LLC ("SCRF") files this Verified Notice of Exemption pursuant to the class exemption at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 for SCRF to abandon approximately 12.8 miles of line in Chesterfield and Darlington Counties, SC, between milepost 319.89 +/-, near Society Hill, SC, and milepost 332.48, in Cheraw, SC (the "Line"). No local rail traffic has moved over the Line during the past two (2) years. Any overhead rail traffic can be rerouted over other rail lines.

Based on information in the possession of SCRF, the Line was acquired under a State Charter but does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

There are no local shippers on the Line. The last traffic to move over the Line was in July 2009. Up until July 2009, local service on the Line was provided on as needed basis. There has been no local traffic on the Line since July 2009.

1. Proposed consummation date. The proposed abandonment date is February 8, 2012
2. Certification required by 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b). *See* Exhibit A.

3. Information required by 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(1) through (4), (7), and (8), and (c)(4).

(a) General.

(1) Exact name of applicant. South Carolina Central Railroad Company, LLC.

(2) Whether applicant is a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, Chapter 105. SCRF is a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, Chapter 105.

(3) Relief sought. SCRF seeks to use the class exemption at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 to abandon approximately 12.8 miles of line in Chesterfield and Darlington Counties, SC, between milepost 319.89 +/- (centerline of Burlington Drive road crossing), near Society Hill and extending in a northerly direction to milepost 332.68 (south line of Market Street, including other legs of wye track extending westerly to milepost 332.48 (east line of US Route 1), in Cheraw, SC.

(4) Map. *See* Exhibit B-1.

(7) Name, title, and address of representative of applicant to whom correspondence should be sent. Melanie B. Yasbin, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, LLC, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204, (410) 296-2205.

(8) List of all United States Postal Service ZIP Codes that the line segments proposed for abandonment traverse. The Line traverses ZIP Codes 29709 and 29593.

(e) Rural and community impact.

(4) Statement of whether the properties proposed to be abandoned are appropriate for use for other public purposes, including roads and highways, other forms of mass transportation, conservation, energy production or transmission, or recreation. If the applicant is aware of any restriction on the title to the property, including any reversionary interest, which would affect the transfer of title or the use of property for other than rail purposes, this shall be disclosed.

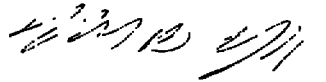
SCRF believes that the property proposed for abandonment is suitable for other public purposes.

4. The level of labor protection. The interests of railroad employees who may be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment will be adequately protected by the labor protective conditions in Oregon Short Line R. Co. -- Abandonment -- Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

5. Certification. Certificates of compliance with the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.50(d)(1) and 1105.11 are attached as Exhibit C.

6. Combined Environmental and Historic Report. The Combined Environmental and Historic Report ("CEHR") was e-filed with the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis on November 29, 2011. Certification of service of the CEHR is attached as Exhibit D.

Respectfully submitted.



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EXHIBIT A-VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

**VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION THAT RAIL LINE MEETS
CRITERIA OF 49 C.F.R. SECTION 1152.50(b)**

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DUVAL)

I, Joshua Putterman, being duly sworn depose and state that I am Vice-President of South Carolina Central Railroad Company, LLC ("SCRF"), that I am authorized to make this verification, and that I have read the foregoing Notice of Exemption and know the facts asserted therein are true and accurate as stated to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

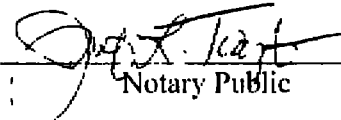
I hereby certify that no local traffic has moved over SCRF's approximately 12.8 miles of line between milepost 319.89 and milepost 332.48 in Chesterfield and Darlington Counties, SC, for at least two years prior to the date hereof, and that any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines. Further, no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period. The foregoing certification is made on behalf of SCRF by the undersigned after due and careful investigation of the matters herein certified and based on the best of the knowledge, information, and belief of the undersigned.



Joshua Putterman

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 15th day of December 2011.

My Commission Expires: 6/26/2013



Notary Public

JENNIFER L. TAYLOR

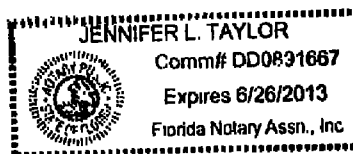
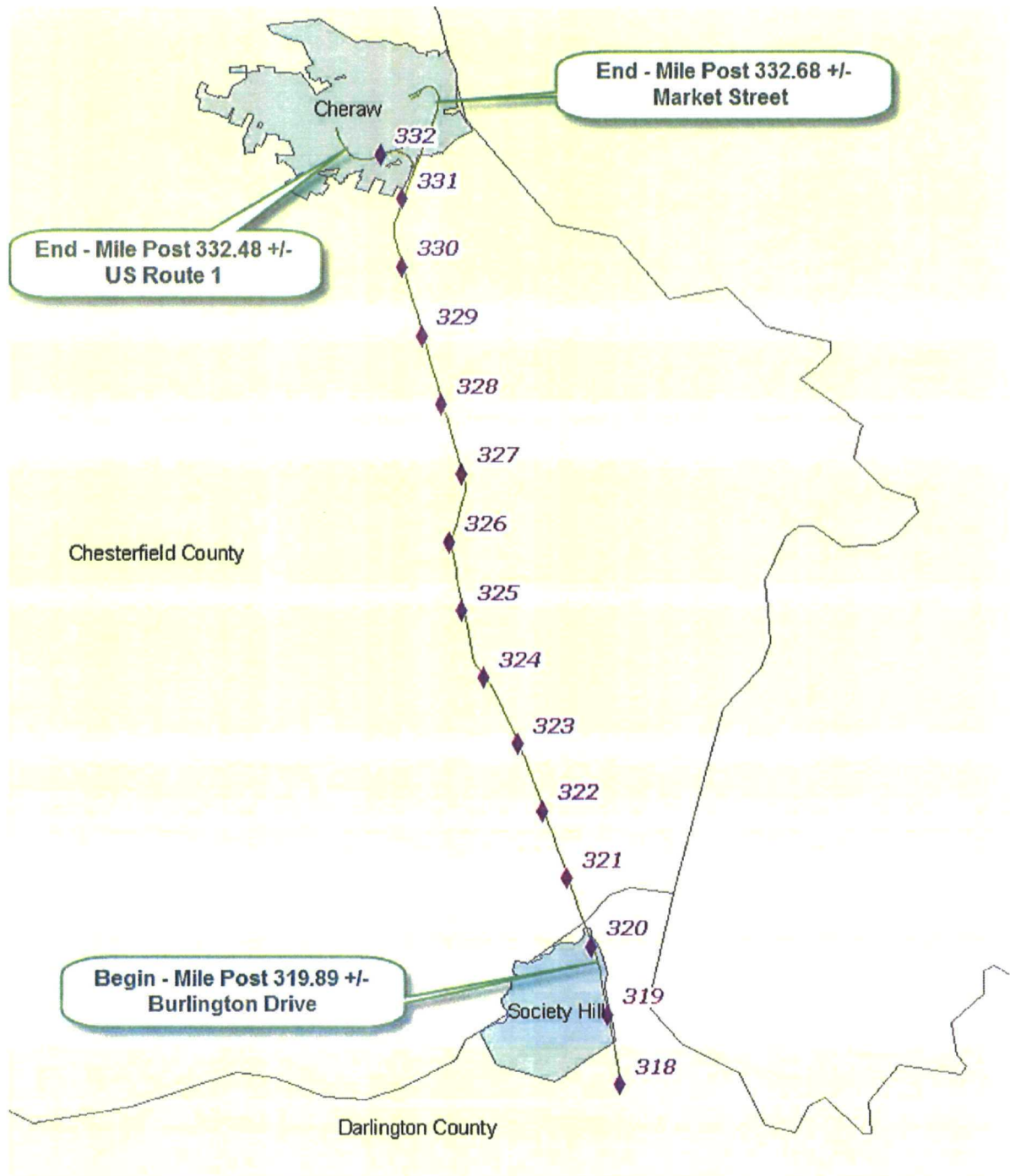


EXHIBIT B-MAP OF LINE



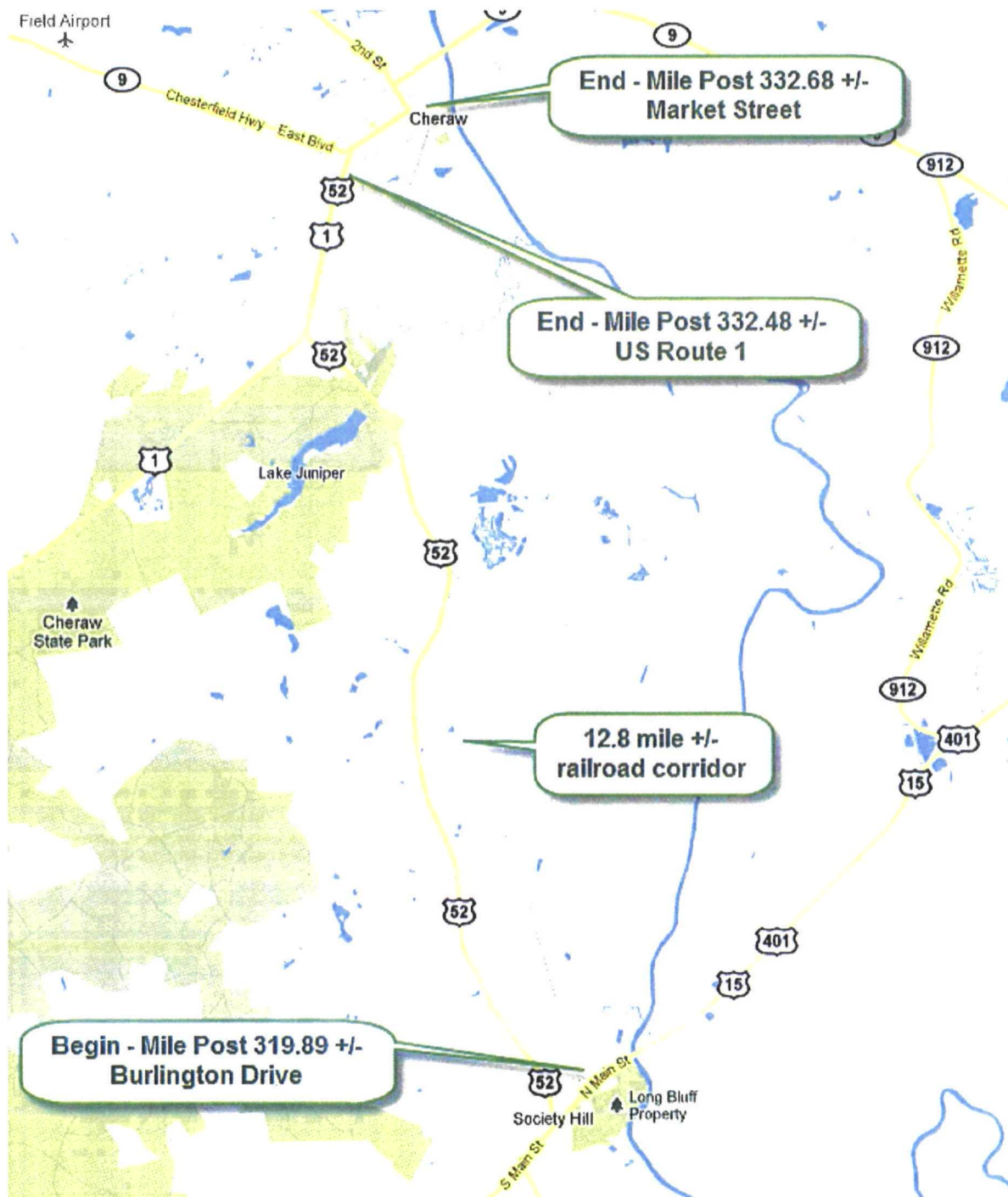


EXHIBIT C—CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1), the undersigned hereby certifies that notice of the proposed abandonment in Docket No. AB-312 (Sub-No. 3X) was mailed via first class mail on December 9, 2011, to the following parties:

State Public Service Commission

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Military Traffic Management Command

Headquarters
Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command
Transportation Engineering Agency
ATTN: SDTE-SA (Railroads for National Defense)
1 Soldier Way, Building 1900W
Scott AFB, IL 62225

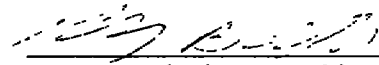
National Park Service

U.S. Department of Interior
National Park Service
WASO-Land Resources Division
301 South Howes, Suite 208
Fort Collins, CO 80522-0740

Mr. Charlie Stockman
Program Manager
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program National Park Service
1849 C Street, N.W. (Org Code 2220)
Washington, DC 20240

U.S. Department of Agriculture

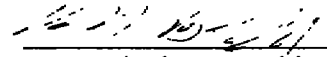
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Chief of the Forest Service
Mailstop: 1144
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20250



Melanie B. Yasbin
December 19, 2011

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that notice of the proposed abandonment in Docket No. AB-312 (Sub-No. 3X) was advertised on December 15, 2011 in The Cheraw Chronicle, a newspaper of general circulation in Chesterfield County and on December 9, 2011 in The Hartsville Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Darlington County, as required by 49 C.F.R. § 1105.12.

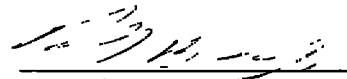


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EXHIBIT D

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the requirements of 49 C.F.R §1105.7, 49 C.F.R. §1105.8(d), and 49 C.F.R. §1105.11 have been complied with in Docket No. AB-312 (Sub-No. 3X).



Melanie B. Yasbin

December 19, 2011

**COMBINED ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7 and 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(c), the undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the Combined Environmental and Historic Report in Docket No. AB-312(Sub-No. 3X) was mailed via first class mail on November 29, 2011, to the following parties:

South Carolina Ocean and Coastal Resources Management
1362 McMillan Avenue Suite 400
Charleston, SC 29405

South Carolina Department of Health and Environment Control
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201

South Carolina Department of Archives and History
8301 Parklane Road
Columbia, SC 29223-4905

South Carolina State Clearinghouse
1201 Main Street Suite 950
Columbia, SC 29201

Natural Resources Conservation Service
Strom Thurmond Federal Building 1835 Assembly Street, Room 950
Columbia, SC 29201

EPA
Region 4
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303-3104

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
Charleston District
69A Hagood Ave
Charleston, SC 29403-5107

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
Region 4
Century Center
1875 Century Boulevard,
Atlanta, GA 30345


U.S. National Geodetic Survey [via email at Simon.Monroe@noaa.gov]
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Geodetic Services Division
Room 9292, NGS/12
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910

U.S. National Park Service
Southeast Region
100 Alabama Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Chesterfield County
Denise Douglass, Interim Administrator
Courthouse, 200 West Main Street
Chesterfield, SC 29709

Darlington County
Mr. Dale Surrett, County Administrator
1 Public Square, Room 210
Darlington, SC 29532

Cheraw
Mr. Michael D. Smith
Town Administrator
200 Market Street
Cheraw, SC 29520



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